(b) Accordingly, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has conceptualized the strategy for the "National Rural Health Mission" to cover the entire country, with special focus on 17 States, including the high fertility States, for comprehensive integrated primary health care services. Such a proposal is under the consideration of the Government. The Government is already implementing the Reproductive and Child Health Programme for achieving Population Stabilization, by simultaneously addressing the issues of Contraception, Maternal and Child Health Programme. The stress is on sustained behavioural change communication and improved access to quality family planning services, especially in the high fertility States.

Vaccination for Encephalitis

†1674. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that Indian Scientists have found effective vaccination for the prevention of Japanese brain fever (Encephalitis) and if so, the extent of its effectiveness;

(b) the efforts Government of India are making to provide the said vaccination developed by the Scientists of Department of Bio-technology in the Ministry of Science and Technology to the common people of the country; and

(c) whether Government are having data with regard to the deaths taken place in Maharashtra, U.P., Bihar and West Bengal during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Attempts to develop a newer tissue culture derived inactivated vaccine against Japanese Encephalitis (JE) are being made by the Scientists at India Council of Medical Research (ICMR) and Department of Biotechnology (DBT).

The DBT has supported research activities for improvement in the current vaccine development strategies for JE and newer approaches to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

vaccine development such as Virus Like Particles (VLPs) and DNA vaccines.

Efforts to improve the existing vaccine strategy at the National Institute of Immunology, an Institute under the DBT, have resulted in the development of a tissue.culture based vaccine for JE using an Indian strain in contrast to the existing formalin-inactivated vaccine based on a Japanese Nakayama strain produced in sucking mice brain at Central Research Institute, Kasauli.

The package of technologies have been transferred to M/s. Panacea Biotech Limited, Delhi. The clinical trials for its safety and efficacy would be undertaken once the vaccine is ready for the same.

(c) As per reports received from the State Health Authorities, the number of deaths due to JE during the last two years in the States of Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal have been as under:—

Sl. No.	Name of the State	2002	2003
1.	Bihar	1	2
2.	Maharashtra	16	115
3.	Uttar Pradesh	133	237
4.	West Bengal	105	1

Banned drugs

1675. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many drugs available in the country which have been banned abroad;

(b) if so, the names of such drugs; and

(c) what action is being taken against the companies marketing such medicines in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) Drugs